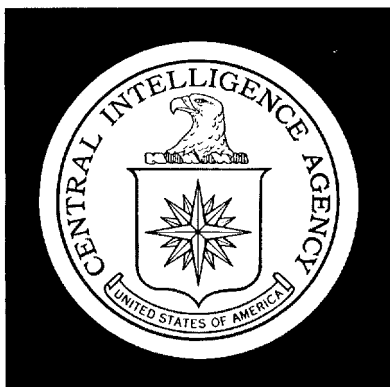


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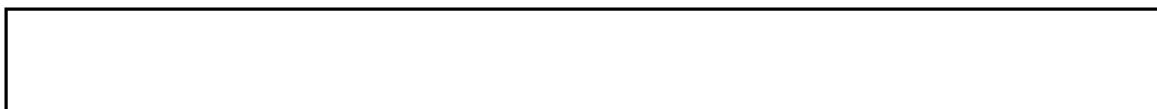
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Cambodia: The population in occupied areas of Kompong Cham and Kratie provinces appears to be reconciled to Communist control.

[redacted] claims that Sihanouk supporters as well as members of the Khmer Rouge fill many important local government positions in these provinces. Despite past animosities, they appear to be cooperating in administering these areas.

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[redacted] implied that the Khmer Rouge are maintaining an organization distinct from the nominally pro-Sihanouk front, but this seems unlikely. Although differences within Communist ranks on the Sihanouk issue undoubtedly persist, it is questionable whether the North Vietnamese, who are the guiding force in the Communist organizational effort in Cambodia, would allow or encourage old-line anti-Sihanouk forces to maintain a separate identity. The Vietnamese have made it clear that Sihanouk's front is the vehicle for overt organization in the countryside. [redacted]

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[redacted] train carried 38 SA-3 missile transporters and other exclusively SA-3 related equipment. No sudden increase in shipping, which would be required if equipment were being delivered for a substantial number of new sites, has yet been observed.

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This is the first sighting of SA-3 equipment in transit since March, when [redacted] ships were noted delivering such equipment [redacted]  
[redacted] Those ships are believed to have brought in the SA-3 equipment since reported to have become operational. Recent seaborne military deliveries to Egypt have slowed, although they are still above the 1969 rate. [redacted]

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Fedayeen: The Palestinian commando organizations are meeting to try to work out a common course of action in response to current Middle East peace moves.

The 115-man Palestine National Council began an emergency meeting late yesterday in al-Wihdah refugee camp in Amman. It was decided to convene the council shortly after Egypt's and Jordan's acceptances of the US peace proposals to discuss steps Palestinian fedayeen organizations could take to counter Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

Just before the meeting, the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, one of the more extreme groups, called upon the council to establish a revolutionary political body that would provide a practical means for mobilizing popular opposition to peace negotiations.

Sporadic and uncoordinated shooting incidents had taken place in Amman for a few days prior to the council meeting, when individual fedayeen clashed with one another and with Jordanian police. Moderate commando leaders and government officers apparently were able to prevent the incidents from provoking any larger outbreaks.

The council meeting most probably will result in attempts to achieve greater fedayeen unity so as to present a common front in the campaign against the peace negotiations. However, it is unlikely that this will long deter individual fedayeen organizations from following their own courses of action.

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Argentina: Textile union leader Jose Alonso was killed by men firing from two speeding cars yesterday.

Alonso was the second of the country's top labor leaders to be murdered in the past 14 months. His violent death resembles that of his principal rival, metalworkers' chief Augusto Vandor, who was murdered in his office in June 1969.

Alonso was an experienced and intelligent labor leader, who was particularly effective as a moderator and conciliator and was respected by nearly all sectors of labor and of the Peronist political movement. After the military takeover in 1966, he demonstrated an ability to negotiate with the government when he believed that he could thereby obtain benefits for labor.

Alonso's relatively moderate attitude toward the government earned him the bitter enmity of some extremists within the labor movement. Extremist political groups who are determined to create a climate of unrest also had sufficient motives. Both sectors were suspected of being behind Vandor's killing, but no proof has ever been found. The method of Alonso's murder may make it similarly difficult for authorities to clarify this case.

Several other union leaders reportedly have also received anonymous threats in recent days and are taking security precautions.

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South Vietnam: Communist forces are threatening to carry out a new phase of terrorist and military actions within the next few days. In the southern half of the country, [REDACTED] have referred to an upcoming fall campaign [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Many Communist units in this region are still preoccupied with Cambodia or are short of supplies, however, and any large-scale effort appears unlikely. In the northernmost provinces, the Communists pose more of a threat; they could deliver on some of their promises to mount significant attacks to disrupt the 30 August elections and to mark important North Vietnamese anniversaries next week.

[REDACTED]

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Burma: Communist insurgents along the Chinese border in the northeast are still able to maul Burmese military forces, despite recent army gains in the area. An army column was ambushed on 14 August by a superior force of about 500 insurgents and forced to withdraw after sustaining heavy casualties. Follow-up government air strikes caused considerable damage to civilian property and triggered strong popular resentment that could further complicate government military efforts in the area.

[REDACTED]

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Egypt-Iran: The resumption of full diplomatic relations between the two countries is imminent, according to Iranian officials in both Tehran and Cairo. Egypt severed relations in 1960 because of Iran's close contacts with Israel, but has recently been advocating a resumption of ties. Cairo is probably interested in countering Israeli influence in Tehran as well as in attempting to draw Iran closer to the Arab cause in the conflict with Israel. For its part, Iran looks upon friendship with Egypt as a counterbalance to the mutual antagonisms between Tehran and the radical Arab states whose ideology it fears and distrusts. [REDACTED]

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Uruguay: Terrorism by the Tupamaros continues to increase. The group carried out three bank robberies last week, stole \$56,000 from a department store on Monday, and have since bombed four radio and television stations and a Montevideo newspaper in order to gain greater public impact. The Tupamaros' determination to prove that they have weathered the government's massive campaign against them is likely to result in further small-scale but headline-grabbing operations. They have given no new hints about the fate of their two captives or about negotiations for their release. [REDACTED] Meanwhile, police in Montevideo shot and wounded three suspected Tupamaros last night during a search for the hostages. [REDACTED]

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